

AUGUST BECOMES THE MONTH OF THREE OFFERS OF \$100,000 FOR MESSENGER

WHITNEY, KILMER, JONES WANT COLT

Owner Believes Him Another Man o' War and Spurs All Tempting Bids.

FLAGSTAFF NEW MARVEL

Runs Around Leaders in Five Furlong Event—Costigan Wins Feature.

By HENRY V. KING.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Aug. 17.—Three sportsmen went in quest of Messenger, the two-year-old son of Fair Play and Mission, after he carried August Belmont's silks to victory in the Crab Bag Handicap yesterday afternoon. They were Harry Payne Whitney, Willis Sharpe Kilmer and Montford Jones.

Mr. Whitney was much impressed by the colt's victory that he made an offer of \$100,000 for him. Mr. Kilmer said he would willingly give a similar amount and Mr. Jones said he would buy him for \$100,000. Mr. Belmont refused the offers and departed for New York. He will return on Friday and it is likely that Mr. Whitney will renew negotiations to get the colt. If Mr. Whitney gets Messenger he will have him fill his two and three-year-old engagements and then ship him to his Brookdale Farm.

While Mr. Whitney is a persistent man when he goes in quest of anything, it is not likely he will get the colt. Mr. Belmont is exceptionally fond of him and believes he is another Man o' War. Louis Feustel, the young trainer who trained and developed Man o' War for Samuel Riddle, now has charge of Messenger, and he is confident the colt is going to develop into the best juvenile of the year and make a sensational three-year-old.

Whitney Shows New Marvel

Harry Payne Whitney showed the big crowd of racers here another speed marvel. He is Flagstaff, a half brother to the mighty Whiskaway. He is by Bromstick out of Inaugural, while Whiskaway is by Whiskbroom out of Inaugural.

Flagstaff made his debut in the second race, a five furlong event for maiden juveniles. McAtee had the mount on him and got him away fairly well, but the colt acted green at the start, and before the first sixteenth of a mile had been run he was in sixth position.

McAtee settled him down to running quickly and the colt displayed a tremendous burst of speed. He ran around the leaders, which were running almost abreast, and in about seventy yards was in front. This move took a lot out of the colt, and when he reached the home stretch he was a tired colt. But McAtee pined the whip often and he responded under the coupage and he won by two lengths. The Triple Springs Farm's Pittston was second and John E. Madden's Cheapside third. Flagstaff ran at least twenty lengths more than his opponents and covered the five furlongs in 1:10.

Grayson's Colors First

For the first time during the meeting the colors of Admiral Cary Grayson flashed home in front in the third race. They were borne to victory in sensational fashion by his old chestnut mare Knott. She followed Debra Breckinridge's Braedabane closely until well into the homestretch. There Factor went to work on her and under one of the best finishes of the meeting Knott got home a head in front of Braedabane.

Mrs. Payne Whitney's Exodus was third, four lengths in front of Knott and Jones's High Cloud, Knott topped over the six furlongs route in 1:11.25.

The Mohawk Selling Stakes was the feature of the program. It was won by three-year-olds. William Daniel's Costigan won the race by a head from Modu, which was a head in front of Tangerine.

Costigan's race was a form reversal of the worst kind. In his last start he was beaten off. At that time he was the favorite. To-day he was at 10 to 1. Costigan wasn't the best horse in the race. Neither was Modu. Tangerine ran as if twenty pounds the best, and with anything like a decent ride probably would have won easily. Thomas was the mount on him and he ran as if he had been ridden by a champion.

Mr. Wilson's barn could have ridden him better. Thomas went away from the barrier pulling up, then the colt nearly ran off with him and Thomas guided him into a pocket on the back stretch. Unable to run, the colt lost many lengths and seemed hopelessly beaten entering the home stretch. There, through one of his legs, Edgison poked his finger and the colt was pinned in until the race was over. It was the worst piece of jockeyship displayed here this season.

Modu's First Race Since Spring

Costigan covered the mile in the real good time of 1:37.5. It was Modu's first appearance since the spring. He showed plenty of speed, but ran as if short. He is likely to show vast improvement in his next effort.

John Paul Jones, an odds on favorite, merely galloped to win the fifth race. He allowed his mount to lead until entering the home stretch. There he went to the front and coasted home to the easiest kind of a victory. He was four lengths ahead of Galantman at the end.

Harry E. Sinclair's Curtis showed a big improvement over his effort of a few days ago and beat a big field of maiden two-year-olds handsly. He went to the front rounding the turn and under a vigorous ride by Sande remained in command to win by a length. Cape Clear was second and Pow Wow third.

At the final furlong pole Cape Clear interfered with Bill Clancy's Pole Point and made McAtee pull up. For some unaccountable reason the stewards didn't check any question about the foul. It was the same way in the last race yesterday, when Great Luck interfered with Boys Believe Me and Moonraker. Both fouls were committed right under the eyes of the stewards, but because no complaint was lodged they took no action.

Susanna, which formerly belonged to the Syndicate Stable, beat a big field of cheap juveniles in the opening race. She won on the post by a head from R. T. Wilson's Ducks and Drakes. Buddy Ennor had the leg up on the Wilson youngster and rode a remarkably fine race. He went through the finest kind of an opening in the stretch, saved half

The New York Herald Racing Chart

SARATOGA RACETRACK, Aug. 17.—Clear; track, fast.

730 FIRST RACE—Two-year-olds. Claiming. Five and a half furlongs. Purse, \$1,254.75. Winner, ch. f., 2, by Rockwell—Stetola. Owner, SAMUEL LOUIS. Trainer, Mr. Murphy. Time, 1:07 1-5. Start good. Won driving. Place same. Post 3:08. Off 3:05.

Index.	Horse.	Wt.	PP.	St.	1/4	1/2	3/4	Mile.	Jockey.	Open.	High.	Clos.	Place.	Sh.
622	Susanna	112	1	1	1	1	1	1	Thorne	5-1	8-1	5-1	3-1	8-3
984	Ducks & Drakes	112	4	10	8	4	2	2	Ennor	4-1	8-1	5-1	2-1	1-1
720	Pony Express	107	3	1	1	1	1	1	McAtee	12-1	15-1	15-1	6-1	2-1
694	Susanna	104	2	2	2	2	2	2	Callahan	12-1	12-1	10-1	4-1	2-1
682	Evelyn Sawyer	111	7	9	7	6	5	5	Parke	5-1	7-1	7-1	3-1	7-5
720	Conter	111	9	4	2	2	2	2	Sande	5-1	7-1	7-1	3-1	7-5
720	Haides	108	8	8	8	8	7	7	C. Taylor	4-1	4-1	4-1	4-1	4-1
682	Betty Wood	105	10	4	4	4	4	4	L. Factor	4-1	4-1	4-1	4-1	4-1
682	Chief Fynn	105	9	1	1	1	1	1	Halsey	20-1	20-1	20-1	10-1	4-1
434	Jennie C.	100	2	6	10	10	10	10	Marts	50-1	60-1	60-1	20-1	10-1

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Scratched—Aud. Avalanche, Quint.

731 SECOND RACE—Two-year-olds. Maidens. Five furlongs. Purse \$1,254.75. Winner, ch. c., 2, by Bromstick—Inaugural. Owner, H. P. WHITNEY. Trainer, James Rowe. Start good. Won easily. Place driving. Post 3:33. Off 3:35.

Index.	Horse.	Wt.	PP.	St.	1/4	1/2	3/4	Mile.	Jockey.	Open.	High.	Clos.	Place.	Sh.
622	Susanna	112	1	1	1	1	1	1	Thorne	5-1	8-1	5-1	3-1	8-3
984	Ducks & Drakes	112	4	10	8	4	2	2	Ennor	4-1	8-1	5-1	2-1	1-1
720	Pony Express	107	3	1	1	1	1	1	McAtee	12-1	15-1	15-1	6-1	2-1
694	Susanna	104	2	2	2	2	2	2	Callahan	12-1	12-1	10-1	4-1	2-1
682	Evelyn Sawyer	111	7	9	7	6	5	5	Parke	5-1	7-1	7-1	3-1	7-5
720	Conter	111	9	4	2	2	2	2	Sande	5-1	7-1	7-1	3-1	7-5
720	Haides	108	8	8	8	8	7	7	C. Taylor	4-1	4-1	4-1	4-1	4-1
682	Betty Wood	105	10	4	4	4	4	4	L. Factor	4-1	4-1	4-1	4-1	4-1
682	Chief Fynn	105	9	1	1	1	1	1	Halsey	20-1	20-1	20-1	10-1	4-1
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Scratched—Aud. Avalanche, Quint.

732 THIRD RACE—The Rouses Point Handicap. Three-year-olds and upward. Six furlongs. Purse \$1,254.75. Winner, ch. m., 6, by Jack Atkins—Star. Owner, SALUBRIA STABLE. Trainer, Wm. H. Brooks. Time, 1:31 2-5. Start good.

Index.	Horse.	Wt.	PP.	St.	1/4	1/2	3/4	Mile.	Jockey.	Open.	High.	Clos.	Place.	Sh.
125	Knott	108	2	2	2	2	2	2	L. Factor	4-1	5-1	5-1	8-5	4-5
602	Braceband	114	3	1	1	1	1	1	McAtee	4-1	5-1	5-1	8-5	4-5
715	Exodus	121	5	5	5	5	5	5	Johnson	2-1	2-1	2-1	4-5	1-4
680	Good Times	110	4	4	4	4	4	4	C. Kummer	2-1	2-1	2-1	4-5	1-4
628	Immedial	120	3	3	3	3	3	3	McAtee	8-1	10-1	10-1	6-1	3-1

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Scratched—Routledge, Knobble, Toll, Little Chief.

733 FOURTH RACE—The Mohawk Selling Stakes. Three-year-olds. One mile. Winner, br. s., 3, by Collin—Samula. Owner, WILLIAM DANIEL. Trainer, A. G. Blakely. Time, 1:37 2-5. Start good. Won driving. Place same. Post 4:28. Off 4:31.

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684	Costigan	106	2	2	2	2	2	2	Merimee	11-1	12-1	12-1	4-1	8-5
878	Tangerine	112	3	3	3	3	3	3	McAtee	4-1	4-1	4-1	5-5	1-5
680	Norse Dive	101	1	1	1	1	1	1	Callahan	20-1	30-1	30-1	8-1	4-1
680	Bill and Coe	101	4	4	4	4	4	4	A. Wilson	20-1	30-1	30-1	8-1	4-1

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Scratched—Irish Brigadier.

734 FIFTH RACE—The Lake Placid Purse. Three-year-olds and upward. One mile. Purse \$1,254.75. Winner, br. c., 4, by Tracery—Moneta III. Owner, XALAPA FARM. Trainer, Roy Waldron. Time, 1:37 4-5. Start good. Won easily.

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Scratched—Routledge, Knobble, Toll, Little Chief.

735 SIXTH RACE—Two-year-olds. Maidens. Five furlongs. Purse \$1,254.75. Winner, br. s., 3, by Collin—Samula. Owner, WILLIAM DANIEL. Trainer, A. G. Blakely. Time, 0:59 3-5. Start good.

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622	Susanna	112	1	1	1	1	1	1	Thorne	5-1	8-1	5-1	3-1	8-3
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ROD AND GUN NEWS

HIGH WATER FOR LOCAL ANGLERS AUGUST 15 TO AUGUST 22—STANDARD TIME

Date	Time	Species	Quantity	Remarks
Aug. 15	3:11	3-43	3-43	3-43
Aug. 16	4:12	4-40	4-40	4-40
Aug. 17	5:10	5-40	5-40	5-40
Aug. 18	6:03	6-27	6-27	6-27
Aug. 19	6:45	7-18	7-18	7-18

Good Fishing to the East.
The Franz Sailer Fishing Club of The Bronx sailed on board the Meriden with Capt. Joe Raynor and nineteen members of the club for deep sea fishing. During the morning we caught very few fish. This was the account of the fog, which made it impossible to locate the grounds, but around 10 o'clock the fog cleared and the fish came out. We all got busy, as time was getting short, so we had to work. If we wanted fish, we got them, and plenty of them. We caught about 120 fish, and ran from 2 up to 7 1/2 pounds and about 20 seabass weighing from 1 to 3 pounds each. The rest of the fish were small fish, but with a 7 1/2 pound fluke. A KRINGEL.

Good Fluke and Forgie Fishing, Says St. George.
A. C. St. George of Freeport telephoned yesterday for appendicitis, and said that Capt. Carman and Denton of the Seaboard are catching plenty of porgies and fluke. He said that for the last week they have fished Bay No. 4, and every day bring in large catches of porgies, fluke and seabass, and he thinks that for the balance of August and September there will be plenty of fluke and porgies. Bluefish are being caught in the inlet. Fred Casanover, who was fishing from a launch in the inlet on Wednesday, caught nine, weighing up to three pounds.

Stop the Beam Trawlers, Says Capt. Joe Ecock.
Capt. Joe Ecock started a campaign yesterday for the purpose of having the law passed which will forbid the beam trawlers operating inside the three mile limit. The captain and his crew have been catching many small fish. The beam trawlers come close to the fishing boats, and many times catch the fish before they can be landed. Capt. Ecock has sent fishermen how they should fish.

Capt. Joe Ecock has distributed to all the captains of Sheepshead Bay fishing boats, which may be signed by fishermen and others interested in having the law passed. They are to be sent to the three mile limit. All those who have not received petitions and wish to sign them may see Capt. Joe Ecock or write him at Bayview Dock, Sheepshead Bay.

ROD AND GUN.
"SPECIAL NOTICE."
leaves daily at 8 A. M. Monday 7 A. M. Dunn's Dock. Capt. FRANK RUPP.

Commodore
leaves Molitor's Dock, Sheepshead Bay, Long Beach every Tues., Thurs., Sat., 6:45 train. Sun. 5:30.

FLUKE FISHING
Yankee Doodle II. leaves Dunn's Dock, Sheepshead Bay, Sunday 8 A. M. Capt. EDW. BERINGER.

Saturday, 8 P. M.
leaves Dunn's Dock, Sheepshead Bay, Sunday 8 A. M. Capt. EDW. BERINGER.

SEINAD
leaves Silver Wave Hotel, Freeport, daily, except Mon. and Fri. 8 A. M. Sun. 6:30. Carman & Denton.

EFFORT
leaves Molitor's Dock, Sheepshead Bay, daily, except Mon. and Fri. 8 A. M. Sun. 6:30. Carman & Denton.

AURORA
leaves Bayview Dock daily, 10 A. M. Sun. 6:30. Capt. JOE ECKO.

SEA BASS AND BLACKFIN
leaves Sheepshead Bay daily 8 A. M. Sun. 6:30. Capt. JOE ECKO.

BROOKLYN
leaves Dunn's Dock, Sheepshead Bay, daily, except Mon. and Fri. 8 A. M. Sun. 6:30. Carman & Denton.

ADMIRAL FLUKE—FLUKE 10 A. M.
leaves Dunn's Dock, Sheepshead Bay, daily, except Mon. and Fri. 8 A. M. Sun. 6:30. Carman & Denton.

ROSE R.II.
leaves Cananda Dock daily, 10 A. M. Sun. 6:30. Capt. JOE ECKO.

ALERT
leaves Sheepshead Bay daily, except Mon. and Fri. 8 A. M. Sun. 6:30. Carman & Denton.

Capt. Joe I.
leaves Sheepshead Bay daily, except Mon. and Fri. 8 A. M. Sun. 6:30. Carman & Denton.

M.J.R.III.
leaves Dunn's Dock, Sheepshead Bay, daily, except Mon. and Fri. 8 A. M. Sun. 6:30. Carman & Denton.

SEA PIGEON
leaves Dunn's Dock, Sheepshead Bay, daily, except Mon. and Fri. 8 A. M. Sun. 6:30. Carman & Denton.

PALADIN
leaves Dunn's Dock, Sheepshead Bay, daily, except Mon. and Fri. 8 A. M. Sun. 6:30. Carman & Denton.

WEAKFISH—FLUKE—RAY'S launches.
leaves Dunn's Dock, Sheepshead Bay, daily, except Mon. and Fri. 8 A. M. Sun. 6:30. Carman & Denton.

FISH AND RECREATION.
leaves Dunn's Dock, Sheepshead Bay, daily, except Mon. and Fri. 8 A. M. Sun. 6:30. Carman & Denton.

AMERICA
leaves Dunn's Dock, Sheepshead Bay, daily, except Mon. and Fri. 8 A. M. Sun. 6:30. Carman & Denton.

Duane
leaves Cananda Dock daily 7 A. M. Sun. 6:30. Capt. JOE ECKO.

New York
leaves Dunn's Dock, Sheepshead Bay, daily, except Mon. and Fri. 8 A. M. Sun. 6:30. Carman & Denton.

R. C. LUNDY
leaves Dunn's Dock, Sheepshead Bay, daily, except Mon. and Fri. 8 A. M. Sun. 6:30. Carman & Denton.

VELOCITY
leaves Sheepshead